Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: What is the policy adopted by the present Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Claims of un-represented communities are also considered.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know whether any special regard is shown to unrepresented communities.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Which are the unrepresented communities of the State?

Mr. President: Not unrepresented; but under-represented.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: May I know whether efficiency is the monopoly of certain communities.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is not.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know the number of Munsiffs promoted as District Judges.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Four.

ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS SENT BY M.L.Cs.

138. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the method adopted for answering questions by M.L.Cs.;

(*b*) are they answered according to the priority of receipt;

(*c*) can any officer see to it that certain questions are shelved;

(*d*) will it be strictly ordered that all questions should be answered according to priority?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) After they are admitted, the questions are distributed to the respective departments of the Secretariat who in their turn collect the necessary information from the respective Heads of Departments, if the information is not readily available in the Secretariat itself. On receipt of the necessary materials they are scrutinised and answers are prepared in the Secretariat and then those answers are transmitted to the Law Department who arrange for their printing.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No. On the other hand Government wish to answer all the questions received if they can possibly do it.

(*d*) This will hinder prompt answering of questions.

ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

139. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in pursuance of the repeated resolutions of the Council Government have made any move for enlarging the scope of the Constitutional Reforms in the direction of grant of responsible Government and if so, when will such reforms come into effect;

(*b*) whether Government have considered the necessity for allowing the Legislative Council to elect its own President?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The question has not escaped the attention of Government.

(*b*) Not, so far.

TANNERIES, CHALAKKUDI

140. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Tanneries in Chalakkudi has been sold or leased to any one; if so on what conditions;

(*b*) whether any one offered to conduct the Tanneries as tanneries; if so on what conditions;

(*c*) whether the Manager of Techno Chemical Industries, Calicut applied for getting the same; if so on what conditions;

(*d*) whether Government advertised in the papers regarding this?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) About 10 acres of the Cochin Tanneries premises has been leased to the Standard Furniture Co. Ltd., Kallai for 25 years for starting a Plywood Factory on a yearly rent of

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